

Welcome to

BOROUGH OF

BRIDGEPORT

Information Packet for New Residents



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WELCOME TO BRIDGEPORT BOROUGH

Located in the heart of Montgomery County along the Schuylkill River, Bridgeport is a town of about 5,015 residents nestled between the County Seat of Norristown and the commercial metropolis of King of Prussia. Our excellent school district, affordable housing, easy access to public transit, walkable downtown, and many community events are the driving force behind Bridgeport Borough's continued success!

Being able to provide an array of community events to our residents and visitors is one of the keys to instilling civic pride, showcasing the community to newcomers, and encouraging investment in Bridgeport. In addition to highlighting some of the many community events Bridgeport has to offer, this packet is intended to help familiarize citizens with resources and services made available not only by Bridgeport Borough but other local agencies.



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ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

The Administration Department is a three person department, with responsibilities including Finance, Human Resources, Community Development. Administrative offices are located at 63 West Fourth Street on the 2nd Floor, and our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Offices are closed daily from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for lunch.

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Gannett Fleming

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Gannett Fleming

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Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin

Borough Actuary
Girard, a Univest Wealth Division

Borough Traffic Engineer
Roger Phillips, P.E.
Gannett Fleming

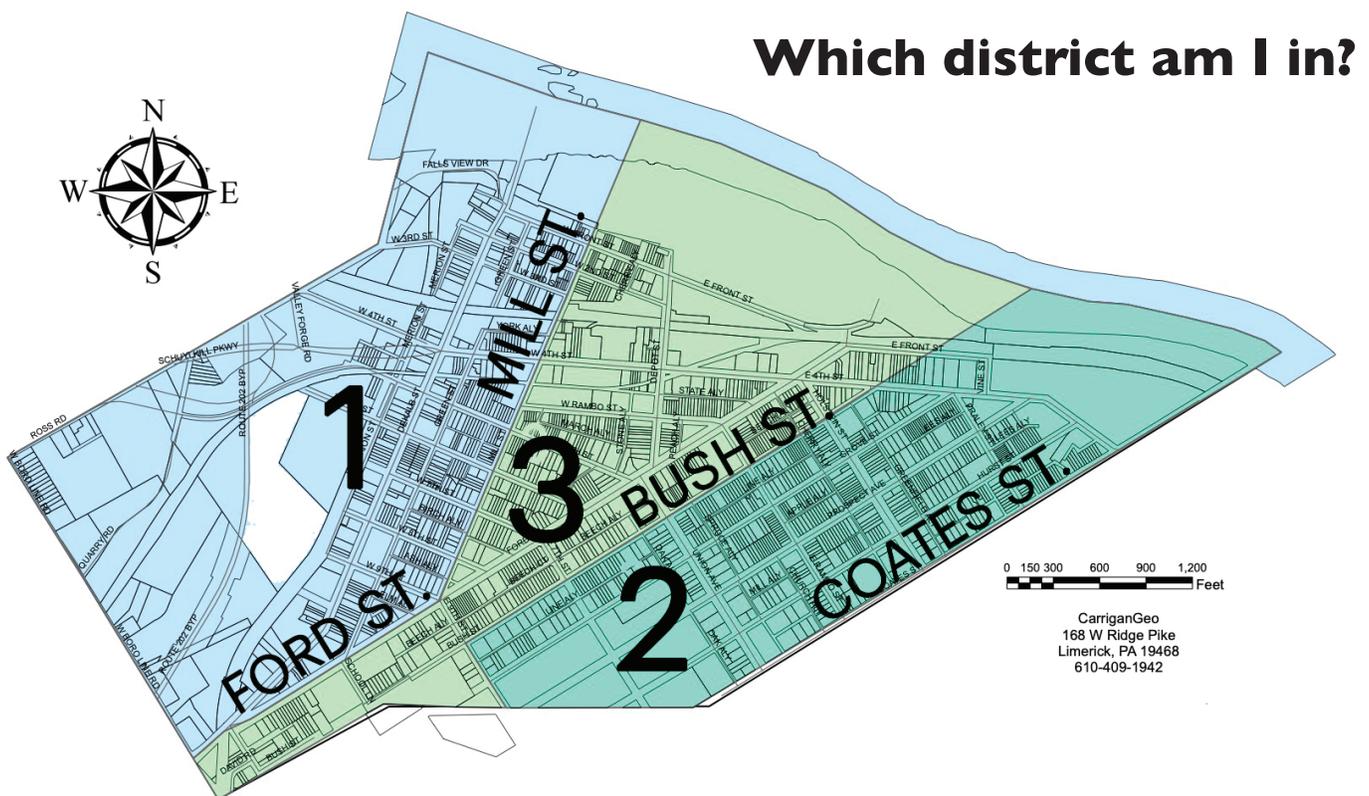
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MAYOR & BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bridgeport Borough has a council/manager form of government, comprised of an appointed borough manager and an elected mayor and borough council. Council is made up of seven members representing three voting districts or wards, as well as one at large seat, for four-year overlapping terms. After each general municipal election (every 2 years) borough council is re-organized, and a council president and vice president are selected by council members to preside over council meetings and other events.

* For more information about voting, campaigning or election results, contact Montgomery County Voter Services.



MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



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The primary duties of council include:

- Adoption of the annual budget
- Establishment of policies for the conduct of borough affairs
- Enactment of ordinances and resolutions for the protection of the public
- Approval of contracts and bids
- Appointment of the borough manager and other respective officials, along with Members of various municipal boards and commissions
- The mayor, elected at large to a four-year term, is primarily responsible for the public safety of the community with emphasis on law enforcement.



COMMITTEES

Bridgeport Borough Council meetings are held at Council Chambers, Bridgeport Borough Hall. Meeting schedules are posted on our calendar. Council minutes are posted online as available.

All interested persons are invited to attend meetings. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend, or require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation, please contact the borough manager in advance at 610-272-1811 or email ktruman@bridgeportborough.org.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Civil service laws were created to assure that employees are hired and promoted on the basis of merit. A civil service commission is legally required in any borough that has paid police officers. Bridgeport Borough's Civil Service Commission assures the integrity of police hires and promotions by overseeing the testing process and creating a list of qualified officers for use by Bridgeport Borough Council in hiring and promoting police officers.

When necessary, the Civil Service Commission also presides over hearings related to discipline imposed on police officers by Borough Council. The Civil Service Commission consists of three residents of the Borough who are appointed by Borough Council and who serve for staggered six year terms. Meetings of the Commission are not regularly scheduled and generally occur on an as-needed basis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Bridgeport Borough Finance Committee reviews and provides recommendations for a number of matters relating to borough fiscal administration. This include but are not limited to purchasing, employment, audits, grant administration, and review of monthly financial reports.

Meets the third Monday of every month, at 6:30pm in Bridgeport Borough Hall, unless otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Bridgeport Borough Community Events Committee was created in 2018 to assist in the creation, coordination and operation of the varying community events that are hosted by Bridgeport Borough. We believe that offering a variety of events is crucial to providing a high quality of life to Bridgeport residents; whether the events are informative, educational, or simply for amusement. Community events are integral in building and maintaining a sense of community and civic pride.

Over the past several years, Bridgeport Borough has hosted both annual events, such as the Bridgeport Carnival, Bridgeport 5K, and speaker engagements on topics that range from mental health to a first-time homebuyer symposium.

The Bridgeport Community Events Committee is always looking for new ideas for events, as well as volunteers to help coordinate and operate these functions. Meets on the first Monday of every other month at 6:30pm in Bridgeport Borough Hall, unless otherwise noted.



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Bridgeport Borough's Human Relations Commission receives, reviews, considers and files complaints within the PA Human Relations Commission's jurisdiction. The HRC serves and operates under the terms, conditions and provisions of the PA HRC. Training and education are provided to members seated on the Commission.

Borough Council adopted the Bridgeport Borough Human Relations Ordinance No. 2018-002 on April 24, 2018, wherein an official policy of non-discrimination has been established involving all matters of employment, housing and commercial property, and public accommodation to ensure that all persons, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, genetic information, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, veteran status, or the use of guide or support animals and/or mechanical aids, enjoy the full benefits of citizenship and are afforded equal opportunities for employment, housing and public accommodation.

SMALL BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SBED)

The Bridgeport Borough SBED Committee holds joint monthly meetings with the Bridgeport Business Association. Topics that are discussed vary, but generally revolve around ways strengthen the partnerships between borough businesses, borough government, and residents, as well as attracting new businesses to the Bridgeport community. SBED Committee meetings are held the third Monday of every month, at 7:00pm in Bridgeport Borough Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Business Association

Bridgeport Bridgeport Association strives to create a more business-friendly atmosphere within the community, by identifying opportunities for redevelopment and devise strategies to attract outside businesses, while cultivating relationships with local business owners.

Contact Info

Business19405.com
info@business19405.com

No Mercantile Taxes

Bridgeport does not have a Privilege/Mercantile tax- one of many incentives to locate your business here!

TRAFFIC & PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE (TPS)

The Bridgeport Borough Traffic & Parking Subcommittee (TPS) reviews both disabled parking space applications and curb cut requests and provides recommendations to Borough Council.

VACANCY BOARD

Bridgeport Borough's Vacancy Board is made up of Bridgeport Borough Council plus one extra citizen who sits to break tie votes when filling a vacant council seat. The vacancy board meets on an as-needed basis.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Bridgeport Borough Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) considers whether to grant relief from borough zoning ordinances regulating the use of land, when an applicant wishes to make use of a parcel in a certain way, that by a strict reading of the zoning ordinance, is not permitted. The board also decides whether certain criteria have been met to allow certain types of special exceptions to be made to zoning ordinances.

The ZHB meets on an as-needed basis, in Bridgeport Borough Hall.



DEPARTMENTS

Bridgeport Borough is comprised of several major departments: Administration & Finance, Building, Zoning & Codes, Fire, Police, Sewer and Public Works. Each department works cooperatively with one another to ensure that the Borough's operations run smoothly on a day to day basis. While Park and Recreation Administration is not under the purview of Bridgeport Borough, the Borough does work closely with the Bridgeport Community Fund, a non-profit organization uniquely tasked with this duty here in our borough.

BUILDING, ZONING AND CODES

The Building, Zoning & Codes Department consists of two full-time employees and a part-time fire marshal. This department is responsible for administering the following programs and procedures for Bridgeport Borough:

Code Enforcement

Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Mechanical Permits

Business and Contractor Licenses

Borough Rental Inspection Program

Issuance of Use & Occupancy Permits

Subdivision and Land Development Applications

Zoning & Zoning Hearing Board Applications

Steve Wanczyk

Building and Codes Director,
Zoning Officer
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Michael Kinsey

Rental Inspection Program
Director
(610) 272-1811 (ext. 224)

Ken Frymoyer

Fire Marshal



HELPFUL TIPS FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT IN BRIDGEPORT BOROUGH:

All applicable permits must be applied for and received prior to beginning any work, whether residential, commercial or institutional.

Applications may be obtained at Bridgeport Borough Hall or on our website.

Building Permit Applications

- Two sets of plans must be submitted with the application. Construction or renovation plans may require sealed plans.

Plumbing Permit Applications

- Permits are required when relocating, re-configuring or adding fixtures supply, drainage or venting (riser diagrams required with permit application).
- Only Master Licensed Plumbers may apply for a Plumbing Permit, unless the work is being performed by the property owner.
- A current Master Plumbing License must be in possession when making application.

Mechanical Permit Applications

- Replacement, additions or alterations require a permit.
- Specifications and/or cut sheets are required for unit installation.
- Units to be installed on the exterior require decibel levels and drawings of location of unit on property. All outside units must be contained within property setbacks.

Electrical Permit Applications

- All Electrical Permit Applicants must select his or her own licensed third-party inspection agency to perform inspection of the permitted project.
- Use & Occupancy Permits are required for any resale of a property, whether residential, commercial or institutional.

At minimum, a Conditional Use & Occupancy Permit is required in order to move into a property.

All rental properties are required to register with Bridgeport Borough and submit to the Borough's annual inspection program. Rental Property Packets and Rental Unit Inspection Guidelines may be found on the Bridgeport Borough website.

Inspections

All requests for inspections are scheduled through Borough Hall by calling Angela Gear, (610) 272-1811. All inspections are done by the Bridgeport Borough Building, Zoning and Codes Department.

When requesting an inspection, you must provide 24 hours' notice, the job location and the permit number. No inspections will be scheduled without the correct permit number. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange electrical inspections with the 3rd party agency of their choice.

Fee Schedule

Bridgeport Borough reserves the right to request a copy of the contract in order to ensure that the permit fees are correct. The Fee Schedule may be accessed on the Bridgeport Borough website.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bridgeport Fire Department has been serving the citizens of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania and its surrounding communities for over a century. Headed by Chief Steven Wanczyk, the all-volunteer Department provides a population of 5,015 citizens living in an area of less than one square mile with fire suppression, rescue, fire police and fire prevention education services.

The Department is comprised of two independently chartered fire companies, Bridgeport Fire Co. No. 1 and Good Will Fire Co. of Bridgeport, PA, and boasts a total force of 50 volunteers, 40 of whom are Pennsylvania State Certified Firefighters. The Department currently holds an ISO rating of 3 and operates a fleet consisting of a quint, two engines, a TAC unit, a traffic unit and a command unit.



Bridgeport Fire Co.
72 W Fourth St.
Bridgeport, PA 19405
(610)275-9860

Good Will Fire Co.
304 Bush St.
Bridgeport, PA 19405
(610)275-1849

Chief Ken Frymoyer

Chief Mike Gallagher Jr

PARKS & RECREATION

There are four parks which comprise the protected lands within the Borough. Bridgeport is unique in that ownership and maintenance of the two largest parks (Memorial Park and Chiccano Field) as well as operation of all recreational programs within said parks is handled not by borough government, but instead by the Bridgeport Community Fund, a local non-profit that has been in existence for over 100 years.

Bridgeport Memorial Park

Located along Grove Street between Union Avenue and Ninth Street

During the first Montgomery County Open Space program, the Borough utilized \$315,000 from the fund to purchase 9.45 acres of the undeveloped portion of the park and place an easement on the remaining nine acres of active recreation land.

The topography of the park is flat and provides playing fields, a running/walking track, picnic facilities, tennis and basketball courts, and bocce courts. The edge of the park along Grove Street and Union Avenue consists of a very steep slope, running from the plateau of the park to the roadway. The significant drop from the plateau provides spectacular views of the Schuylkill River Valley. This vista is a somewhat unique public amenity among the communities located along the Schuylkill River. Memorial Park is home to the Bridgeport Little League, as well as an immensely popular Bocce league.



Veterans Memorial Park

Located at the intersection of DeKalb and Fourth Streets

Veterans Memorial Park is located at one of the busiest intersections in Bridgeport - at DeKalb Pike (Route 202) and Fourth Street (Route 23). Travelling southbound on DeKalb Pike from Norristown and the Schuylkill River, the park stands out as a prominent landmark. While the park itself is relatively small at just 0.50 acres, it is designed to maximize the limited space available. The park includes a statue, circular walk, benches and extensive landscaping. There is no parking adjacent to the site, due to its location, but parking is available on the surrounding streets. Veterans Memorial Park is naturally the location for Bridgeport Borough's Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations.



Chiccino Athletic Field

Located near Sixth Street between Route 100, High Speed Line, and Route 202

At 7.5 acres in size, Chiccino Athletic Field is a multi-purpose field providing facilities for organized games of softball, soccer and football. The field has a lighting system that allows it to be used for night games, as well as bleachers and restroom facilities.



Rotondo Riverfront Park

Located along the Schuylkill Riverfront on what is locally referred to as Falls View Drive

Rotondo Riverfront Park is a 2.4 acre parcel of open space that was purchased by the Borough in 1998. Adjacent to the Norristown Dam, this parcel had been under a restrictive easement for many years due to the construction of a fish ladder. However, in 2019, Bridgeport Borough successfully worked with Montgomery County to reduce the scope of the easement, allowing the Borough to bring this space into its parks system. In October 2019, Bridgeport Borough held a dedication ceremony, naming the parcel Rotondo Riverfront Park after brothers Nicholas and Salvatore Rotondo, who played an instrumental part in Bridgeport's park and recreation program in the 1970s and 1980s.

Today, Rotondo Riverfront Park is used as both passive and active open space. The park features a pollinator garden funded by a PECO Green Regions Grant, a kayak launch gifted to the Borough by Schuylkill River Greenways Association, and also plays host to community events such as the Bridgeport 5K and Twilight on the River, an evening open air market.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bridgeport Police Department currently has ten full time sworn officers and several part time officers to complement the full time staff and one civilian dispatcher. The part time officers are fully trained and have the same duties and responsibilities as the full time officers. All officers regularly attend many hours of mandatory training including in-service and some specialized to provide the highest level of service to the community.

The duties include 24/7 street patrol using a 12 hour schedule. The police are charged with responding to all citizen complaints, investigating auto accidents, enforcing local and state traffic regulations, enforcing local ordinances as well as to investigate all crimes and attempt to apprehend those responsible.

A number of our officers perform specialized duties within the police department. An officer is assigned to handle major criminal investigations. We have a trained traffic safety officer. Another officer is trained as a juvenile officer. Some of our officers are members of the CMCSWAT (Central Montgomery County Special Weapons and Tactics) this is a 24 hour on call multi-jurisdictional unit responsible for responding to high risk situations, such as barricaded persons, hostage situations and warrant services. Also we have officers' members of the Montgomery County Field Force which is also a multi-jurisdictional unit that responds as needed for homeland security issues, riots and large scale demonstrations.

In addition we have officers that are part of the Montgomery County Drug task force, the Valley Forge area DUI enforcement team, which do selective enforcement including DUI checkpoints, all which contribute to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Bridgeport, Montgomery County and the Delaware Valley region.



A red emergency phone/intercom is installed on the wall outside the front entrance to the station. This phone is to be used in case the lobby is closed and Police are on patrol or on other calls. The telephone will be answered by the Montgomery County Communication center which will dispatch police, fire or ambulance.

Contact Info

65 W. Fourth Street
Bridgeport, PA 19405
Phone: (610) 272-5660
Fax: (610) 292-0416

Dial 911 for all Police, Fire
and Ambulance emergencies

Hours of Operation

Police
24 hours/day, 365 days/year

Office hours
Mon - Fri: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Staff Contacts

Chief Todd J. Bereda
Chief of Police
Emergency Management
Coordinator
(610) 272-5660, ext. 123

Paul McLaughlin
Sergeant

William Murphy
Detective-Sergeant

Shannon Sell
Juvenile Officer

John Seber
Traffic Safety Officer

Steven Bailey
Traffic Safety Officer

Justin Broskey
Patrol Officer

Evan Flora
Sergeant

David Nash
Police Communications
Operator
(610) 272-5660, ext. 126

Mark Stillwagon
Patrol Officer

Matthew Stead
Juvenile Officer

Bridgeport Police Department Programs

Neighborhood Watch

Bridgeport Police has reinstated the Neighborhood Watch program this year. This program is a formalized means of organizing citizens to act as the eyes and ears of the Police within the community. The program allows the Police to alert citizens through the block captains of crimes re-occurring in certain areas. The program also serves to educate citizens on various crime prevention and detection methods. In order to become involved in the Neighborhood watch program contact the Police department at 610-272-5660



Vacation Home Checks

When you are on vacation or away from home in excess of 24 hours, you can contact the Bridgeport Police Department at 610-272-5660 to report your home vacant. When you return, please contact the Police to inform them that you no longer need this service.

Halloween Safety Program

In order to address safety and awareness when celebrating Halloween, the Police Department has a program to give children safety tips while trick or treating. Halloween treats are given out to the general public Halloween night by members of the Police department. Safety tips include the following:

- Try to trick or treat when it is still light outside
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see and be seen
- If you must go out at night, make sure your costume is light in color or reflective
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily
- A facemask will keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before crossing the street at the crosswalk
- Consider using make up instead of wearing a mask
- Have a parent or older brother or sister go trick or treating with you
- Plan your Trick or Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lighted.
- Cross only at corners or crosswalks; never cross between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic
- Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your treats.



Project Child Safe

The goal of Project Child safe is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owner and to provide firearm safety kits that include a gun locking device. Since 2004 The Bridgeport Police Department has joined with the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the U.S. Department of Justice in this nationwide program and has been distributing key safety education messages and free gun locking devices.

Over 1000 gunlocks have been given away at no cost since that time. Firearm accidents in the home can result from an unauthorized individual, often a child finding a loaded and unsecured firearm in the home. The risk of firearms-related unintentional injuries or deaths can be reduced when firearms owners are aware of and fully understand their responsibility to handle firearms safely and store them in a secure manner. To obtain your free kit, please stop at the Police Department during normal business hours.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Quietly tucked away beside the Schuylkill River at the cross roads of state routes 23 and 202, Bridgeport is a small town with a big community with easy access to the city of Philadelphia. Bridgeport offers families the opportunity to find reasonable property values while also residing in the excellent school district of Upper Merion. Poised for a significant commercial and residential redevelopment renaissance, Bridgeport is easily accessible by road and rail, just minutes away from I-76, 276, 476, and 422 and serviced by the SEPTA 99 Bus Route and Norristown High-Speed Rail Line. The future looks very bright for Bridgeport.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Upper Merion Area School District serves Bridgeport Borough.

Bridgeport Elementary

900 Bush St, Bridgeport, PA 19405
<https://www.umasd.org/bridgeport>

Tim Bickhart, Principal

Upper Merion Area Middle School

450 Keebler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406
<https://www.umasd.org/umams>

Adam Slavin, Principal

Upper Merion Area High School

440 Crossfield Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406
<https://www.umasd.org/Domain/445>

Jonathan Bauer, Principal

Visit www.umasd.org for more information.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department consists of four full time employees. While few in number, our Public Works staff are incredibly dedicated to their work and pride themselves on delivering as high a quality of life to our residents as possible. The routine maintenance activities of the Public Works Department includes landscaping, fleet maintenance, snow removal, minor road repairs, physical plant maintenance, traffic signal maintenance, street sweeping and street signs. The Public Works Department also plays a vital role in Bridgeport's community events operations, such as plotting detours for the annual 5K Run, decorating the town with "Season's Greetings" lights, and erecting the Christmas Tree at Borough Hall.

Contact the Public Works Department regarding any street-related problems such as potholes, snow plowing, or streetlight and traffic signal outages

Contact Info

(610) 313-3138

York Alley & Mill Street
Bridgeport, PA 19405

Departmental Directory

Keith S. Truman
Public Works Director
(610) 272-1811, ext. 234

David Lang- Lead Foreman
(610) 313-3138

Disabled Parking Space Applications - Residents with a disability are able to apply for a disabled parking space, approval or denial are evaluated on a case by case basis. Applications may be obtained in person at Bridgeport Police Department, or on the Borough website.

TRASH, RECYCLING, & WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS

All commercial properties, including multi-family housing units of 4 or more, must contract their trash and recycling collection services with a private hauler. Borough of Bridgeport provides residential curbside trash and recycling collection through a third-party contractor, J.P. Mascaro & Sons. As of 2024, the annual fee for residential trash & recycling collection is \$124 quarterly, or \$496 annually. Berkheimer provides payment collection services for Bridgeport, and handles all billing inquiries, 610-588-0965. All qualified residences (single family units, multifamily units of 3 or fewer) are obligated to utilize the Borough's contracted service.

Both trash and recycling are collected **once a week on Tuesdays**. When Tuesday is a holiday, collection will occur one (1) day late. Bridgeport Borough's Trash Collection calendar is available to view on the Borough website.

Collection begins at 7:00 am, so please make sure that trash and recycling are placed at the curb on Monday nights, no earlier than 4:00 pm. Use plastic or metal trash cans. All trash should be bagged, please do not put out trash in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or containers smaller than 20 gallons. These cause litter, especially on windy days!

No action is required by homeowners, whether moving into new construction or a resale, in order to activate a trash account or to begin generating billing. Once the new deed is recorded with the county our borough offices will provide Berkheimer with the property and property owner contact information, and this will trigger the creation of a new residential service account.

Residents must purchase their own trash cans, but the borough provides recycling bins to all residents. New recycling bins are located at borough hall, residents should call our front desk at 610-272-1811 and we will provide details on how to pick up a recycling bin.

Missed Pickups: In the event of a missed trash or recycling pickup, please call Bridgeport Borough Hall at 610-272-1811 to report it, and the borough will send JP Mascaro back out to collect it asap.

Trash and Recycling Can Placement: Trash and recycling cans are not permitted to be left out along the street frontage of a property. They must be located either along the side of or preferably to the rear of a property.

Senior Discount: Any trash accounts whose primary account holder is aged 60+ are eligible for a 10% discount. Please contact Berkheimer offices at 610-588-0965 for details on registering, but only after having received their initial bill.

Business and Landlords: Effective January 1, 2019, Businesses and apartments with four or more units are required to contract with a hauler for the collection of the listed recyclable materials and leaves.

Questions or Problems? J.P. Mascaro Office Hours of Operation: M-F 7:30 AM-5PM, Sat. 7:30 AM-12 PM. Call 1-800-432-1616 or visit them on the web. Residents are also encouraged call the Borough Offices with collection problems, at (610) 272-1811.

RECYCLING FAQ

Bridgeport Borough Blue Recycling Containers

Blue Borough containers are for recycling collection use only. Remember: If you move, the blue container should be left behind at the household as they are the property of Bridgeport Borough. If you need a replacement, call the Borough Offices at (610) 272-1811.



Single Stream Recycling

Single-stream recycling allows Bridgeport Borough residents to place all recyclables: cans, bottles and plastics together with newspapers, cardboard, etc. in one container. There is no need to separate items since the "single stream" recycling process used allows all recyclables to be mixed together.

Do I separate Trash from Recycling?

All residents and businesses must separate recyclables, including glass, plastics #1, 2, 3, and 5, aluminum and bimetallic cans, paper, and cardboard, from their solid waste. It's easiest to have a container or two set up where it happens, like a bin in the kitchen for bottles and cans you've washed out, and another in the office for used paper and mail. Just remember that with single stream recycling, it can all go in the same container – we do the sorting for you. Single stream recycling will be collected by a compaction truck. Only recyclables will be on this truck on your recycling day, it cannot collect non-recyclable items.



Paper



Plastic



Glass



Metal

Acceptable Recycling Materials

Metal

Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and foil plates, etc. Metal lids, Metal food cans (tin/steel).

Glass

Glass bottles and jars (food and drink only, any color).

Please rinse all food waste from bottles and cans before recycling.

Plastic Containers

Plastic bottles and containers labeled #1 through #7 (soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, salad dressing, yogurt, margarine).

Mixed Paper and Cardboard

Newspaper and inserts, magazines and catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, white/colored/computer paper (staples and paper clips ok), corrugated cardboard, paper bags, phone books, wrapping paper (remove metallic paper and bows). Please remember to flatten all cardboard/paper boxes and containers.

Unacceptable Recycling Materials

Ceramics, dishes, coffee cups, drinking glasses, glass oven ware, Pyrex, VisionWare, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, plastics without #1 - #7 labeling, plastic bags, styrofoam, bubble wrap, tissue or paper towels, wax paper cartons, metallic or coated paper, waxed boxes, and food contaminated cardboard (i.e. pizza boxes).

TRASH & WASTE COLLECTION FAQ

E-Waste Alert! Disposal Ban

Solid waste disposal facilities in Pennsylvania are no longer allowed to accept televisions and computer devices including hard drives, monitors, keyboards, mice and printers or their components. Retailers such as Staples® and Best Buy® both have e-waste recycling options at no charge. Check their websites, restrictions may apply.



E-waste

Disposal of Household Paints

Latex paint: Let paint dry in can. Adding kitty litter or a commercial drying agent will speed up the drying process. When paint is dry, double bag the can before putting it in the trash. Leaking paint will damage our trucks and stain your street. Oil based paint: Is hazardous waste and will not be collected. Call Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County (610-278-3045) for drop off locations and dates.

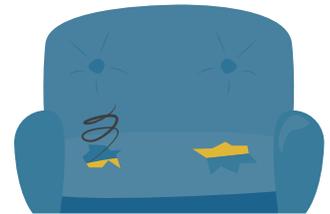


Bulk Item Collection

All residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside per month for collection on the last Tuesday of the month.

These items can include:

- Furniture
- Carpets (Carpets and padding must be cut into 3-foot widths, rolled, tied or taped. Only 10 rolls of carpet/ padding per pick up.)
- Appliances (Appliances that do not use Freon)
- Tree limbs or trunks larger than 3" in diameter (Cannot be longer than 36")
- Windows, mirrors, glass panels in doors, etc. (Must be taped in a crisscross pattern to prevent breakage.)
- A mattress + box spring is considered one (1) item, so both can be put out together.
- All mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic sheeting or bagged prior to putting them out for curbside collection. This is an attempt to protect collection employees from contact with bed bugs. Please understand that box springs and mattresses that are not wrapped/bagged will not be collected.)
- Refrigerators, air conditioners, and humidifiers contain Freon, which is considered hazardous; you must call Mascaro to schedule a pickup 1-800-432-1616. An additional charge may apply.
- "White" items such as washers and dryers: call to J.P. Mascaro (610-272-2765) to schedule a pickup.



Please Note: Bulk pick up is not an opportunity to dispose of multiple items accumulated over a lifetime when you are moving. If you wish to dispose of more than one item, please call J.P. Mascaro at 610-272-2765 and they will arrange a special pick up for you. Multiple bulk items placed at the curb is prohibited without an agreement with Mascaro. This restriction will be strictly enforced.

YARD WASTE, FALL LEAF AND CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Bridgeport Borough Fall Leaf Collection

Bridgeport Borough Public Works performs residential fall leaf collection every year in late November and early December. Dates are posted on the borough website. Please gather leaves along the curb line of your property, not bagged. Public Works will remove them from the curb line of your property during their normal daytime hours of operation.

Yard Waste Collection

J.P. Mascaro, the borough's contracted residential waste hauler, performs two (2) yard waste collection days every year. J.P. Mascaro also performs Christmas Tree collection one time every year. Dates are posted on the Borough website.

All residents and businesses must separate leaf waste, including leaves from trees, bushes, and other plants, garden residue, chipped shrubbery and tree trimmings, but not including grass clippings, from their solid waste, and either compost leaf waste on their property, set leaves out during municipal leaf pickup days, self-haul the leaf waste to a state-approved composting facility, or have a hauler collect the leaf waste, to be delivered to a state-approved composting facility.

All residents and businesses are prohibited from burning recyclables and leaf waste or including these items with their other solid waste (trash).

Please place all grass and small clippings into biodegradable yard waste bags. For sticks, branches, and tree limbs: Please cut all wood to a length of 3 feet or smaller, and bundle with twine or string into bundles no heavier than twenty (20) pounds.



COMPOSTING - HEUSER PARK

Bridgeport residents are permitted to haul their residential yard waste to the composting facility located adjacent to Heuser Park on Beidler Road for drop-off of Yard Waste materials and free mulch pick-up, during operating hours. Bridgeport residents should bring photo ID with them to verify residency. All compost site users will be assessed with a "per load" fee.

694 West Beidler Road
King of Prussia, PA

Phone: 484-636-3941

Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:00AM to 3:00PM

Saturday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Sunday 12:00PM to 4:00PM

Please note: the Compost Site is closed on all township observed holidays.

Closed from the 3rd week of December until 2nd week of April.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

If you are experiencing a sewer backup or wastewater emergency, please call 610-275-4236 between the hours of 7:00AM to 3:00PM Monday through Friday. After business hours & weekends/holidays, please call the Police Communication Center at 610-272-5660.

Establishing a Sewer Billing Account

Bridgeport Borough bills residential property owners for sewer usage on a quarterly basis, via our third-party collection firm, Berkheimer Associates. In most cases, no action is required by new homeowners in order to establish a new sewer billing account in their name. Once a new homeowner has established a water billing account in their name through PA American Water (PAWC). PAWC then begins sending quarterly usage reports to Berkheimer which prompts the creation of a sewer billing account in the homeowner's name. However, if you do not believe that you are being billed after having lived in Bridgeport for greater than three months, or have questions regarding the proper mailing address for bills, please contact Berkheimer Associates at 610-588-0965 to address this issue.

The Bridgeport Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located at 375 River Road (Route 23), in Upper Merion Township, just beyond the Bridgeport Borough line. The Bridgeport Sewer Department consists of four full-time employees, and services the majority of Bridgeport Borough residential and commercial properties. There are a handful of properties in select portions of the borough that are actually serviced by Upper Merion Township's sewer facilities; predominantly located along the borders of the two municipalities; additionally, this goes the other way as well, with a select few Upper Merion Township properties being serviced by Bridgeport Borough Sewer Department.

The Bridgeport WWTP is responsible for collecting the sewage generated by Bridgeport properties, cleaning and separating the sewage through a series of filtration devices and chemical treatments and discharging the treated effluent into the Schuylkill River. Bridgeport Sewer Department has three employees that are state certified sewer operators, and the quality and performance of Bridgeport Sewer Department is monitored and licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Bridgeport WWTP has a design treatment capacity rating of 0.9 million gallons per day, as well as a peak instantaneous flow capacity of 2.7 million gallons per day. As of 2019, the average daily flow at Bridgeport WWTP was 0.473 million gallons per day; meaning that there is certainly room for the additional need for capacity that may come with further residential and commercial development. Bridgeport Borough is unique in that we are one of the few remaining municipalities in the state with a combined sewer system. "Combined sewers" means just that - both stormwater sewers and sanitary sewers flow into same system, and the Bridgeport WWTP must process both storm water and sanitary sewage. Combined sewers are typically only seen in the older municipalities in the state; namely, cities and boroughs. Combined sewers pose a unique set of challenges for a municipal sewage treatment facility, as during heavy rain events create incredibly high volumes of water that all flow to the Bridgeport WWTP.

In 2011, construction of a new Front Street Interceptor and the associated Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) between Mill Street and the River Road Pumping Station were initiated with completion in 2012. The original 20-inch interceptor was replaced with a 24-inch "dry weather" sewer, a combination 54-inch and 60-inch "wet weather" interceptor was installed parallel to the 24-inch and one of the original CSO outfalls was eliminated. The interceptor is basically a large underground storage tank where excess storm/sewer water is directed during heavy rain events, with valves that allow the Bridgeport Sewer Department to store and then incrementally release water to the WWTP for treatment. The purpose of the interceptor is to mitigate the chances of untreated discharges into the waterways, which is the primary concern that combined sewer system municipalities face. The "wet weather" interceptor provides an additional approximate 0.5 million gallons of storage.

Water Service Providers

Water service in Bridgeport is provided by Pennsylvania American Water Company and regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Please contact them at the numbers below for questions about service.

Pennsylvania American Water Company 1-800-565-7292 • infopa@amwater.com

Contact Info

(610) 275-4236

375 River Road
Bridgeport, PA 19405

Departmental Directory

Keith S. Truman
WWTP Director
610-272-1811, ext. 234

Christopher Conway
Lead WWTP Operator
610-275-4236

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Bridgeport Borough's tax collector, elected by the citizens of Bridgeport, is responsible for billing and collecting the residential and commercial real estate taxes for the borough, the county and the school district.



Doris Frymoyer
Phone: (610) 272-1954
BptTaxCollector@verizon.net

Real Estate Tax bills are mailed prior to March 1st.
School Tax bills are mailed prior to July 1st.
Deadline to pay taxes is December 31st.

Scheduled hours during Discount Periods
March, April, July & August
Monday: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Thursday: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Additional days will be added at the end of the
Face Period.

Please contact the tax office for a recording as we
approach these dates.

- If your taxes are escrowed, forward your bills to the mortgage company.
- Please present your bill when making payment.
- No receipt unless stamped, self addressed envelope enclosed. Please remit entire bill.
- If property has been transferred, please notify tax office.
- Taxes paid after December 1 must be made by Cashier's Check or Money Order.
- Taxes not paid by Dec 31 will be reported to Tax Claim Bureau and subject to an additional 5% fee, pursuant to County and Municipality ordinances or resolutions.
- \$25.00 fee for all checks returned by bank.
- Unpaid taxes after December 31st will be turned over to the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. Here is a link to their website that contains information regarding payment options. You may contact the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau at (610) 278-1216.
- Tax Certifications cover Borough, County & School taxes for three(3) years. Send request with a self-address stamped envelope and \$20.00 fee payable to Doris Frymoyer.

VOTER INFORMATION/POLLING LOCATIONS

1. Application forms may be obtained at the Borough Hall. This application must be received by the county board of elections at least thirty days before the election in which you wish to vote.
2. You are eligible to register to vote if you have been a citizen of the United States for at least one month, a resident of Pennsylvania, your county, and election district for at least thirty days before the election and you will be 18 years old on or before the day after the election in which you wish to vote.
3. If you are currently registered and you have not moved or failed to vote at least once during the last two calendar years, you do not have to re-register.
4. If you choose not to register by mail you have the right to register in person at the county board of elections.
5. Voter registration is not complete until the application card has been processed and accepted by the county board of elections and you have received your Voter's ID Card.

Voting Hours
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Polling Location

1st & 3rd Wards

Bridgeport Municipal Garage, located on York Alley, next to Bridgeport Post Office and Bridgeport Borough Hall

2nd Ward

Bridgeport Elementary School, 900 Bush Street



PET INFORMATION

Dog Licenses

New residents must register their dogs with Montgomery County for a license. This can be done through the Montgomery County website, or by picking up a hard copy at the township building.

Rabies Clinics

The Montgomery County Health Department hosts annual low cost rabies vaccination clinics for residents. These generally occur in June and at various locations throughout the county. Call MCHD at 610-278-5117 for more information, or find the flyer at www.montcopa.org.

CABLE

Bridgeport Borough is serviced by Comcast or Verizon cable. Comcast XFINITY may be reached at 1-866-372-4215 and Verizon FIOS at 1-800-837-9466. If you would like to subscribe to a cable provider, please call one of the above numbers.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY & LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Little Free Pantry is about neighbors helping neighbors. The pantry operates on a very simple principle - take what you need, leave what you can. Located in front of Bridgeport Borough Hall, the pantry is available 24 hours a day, no questions asked.

The Little Free Library provides no-cost book exchanges our community, placing books in the hands of kids and families who need them.

You can help support both of these programs by making a donation directly at Borough Hall.



BRIDGEPORT 5K

The annual Bridgeport 5K is a tradition that began in 2017. Every year, Bridgeport Borough welcomes runners and walkers from across the region to “Test their skills on our hills” on our USATF-Certified race course. The mission of the Bridgeport 5K is to showcase the Bridgeport community to visitors and residents alike, encourage volunteerism, and provide a different, challenging, and unique course for avid runners and walkers alike.

Profits from the race are donated to charitable organizations. Past beneficiaries include the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department, the Montgomery County Hero Fund, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Addie’s Angels, and the ALS Association - Greater Philadelphia Chapter. To date, the Bridgeport 5K has raised \$25,000 for these amazing non-profits.

The day-of festivities normally include a 5K run/walk, a Kids Fun Run, live entertainment, refreshments, and race ceremony. Registration begins at 7:30am, the 5K will commence at 9:00am, and the Kids Run Fun commences after the 5K has concluded. Awards are presented for the top three male and female finishes, and all participants in the Kids Fun Run receive a prize.



BRIDGEPORT RIVER MARKET

Bridgeport River Market is a seasonal open-air family-oriented market aimed to showcase local vendors and artisans, stimulate revitalization, and promote local civic organizations. Bridgeport River Market is operated by Growing Bridgeport Together, a local nonprofit that encourages reinvestment in public spaces, and promoting a positive image for the Bridgeport Community as an exciting place to live, shop and invest.



Seasonal Hours

The 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 10am to 1pm, May through September.

Location

Bridgeport Schuylkill Riverfront, Falls View Drive
Adjacent to Frosty Falls Ice Cream Shop, 96 DeKalb Street Rotondo Park



For more information, please visit growingbridgeporttogether.org



BRIDGEPORT CARNIVAL

Held on the property surrounding Borough Hall, the Bridgeport Carnival is affectionately referred to as "five days of affordable family fun." The Bridgeport Carnival consists of two separate but adjacent components: the carnival midway - which includes rides, games and concessions are operated by Swikas Amusements; and the local vendors area - where Bridgeport Borough hosts crafters, artisans, food vendors, and more. Additionally, the Bridgeport Carnival features live music on four nights, as well as a beer & wine garden operated by Conshohocken Brewing Company and Cardinal Hollow Wineries. Please check the borough website and facebook page for annual dates and details.

